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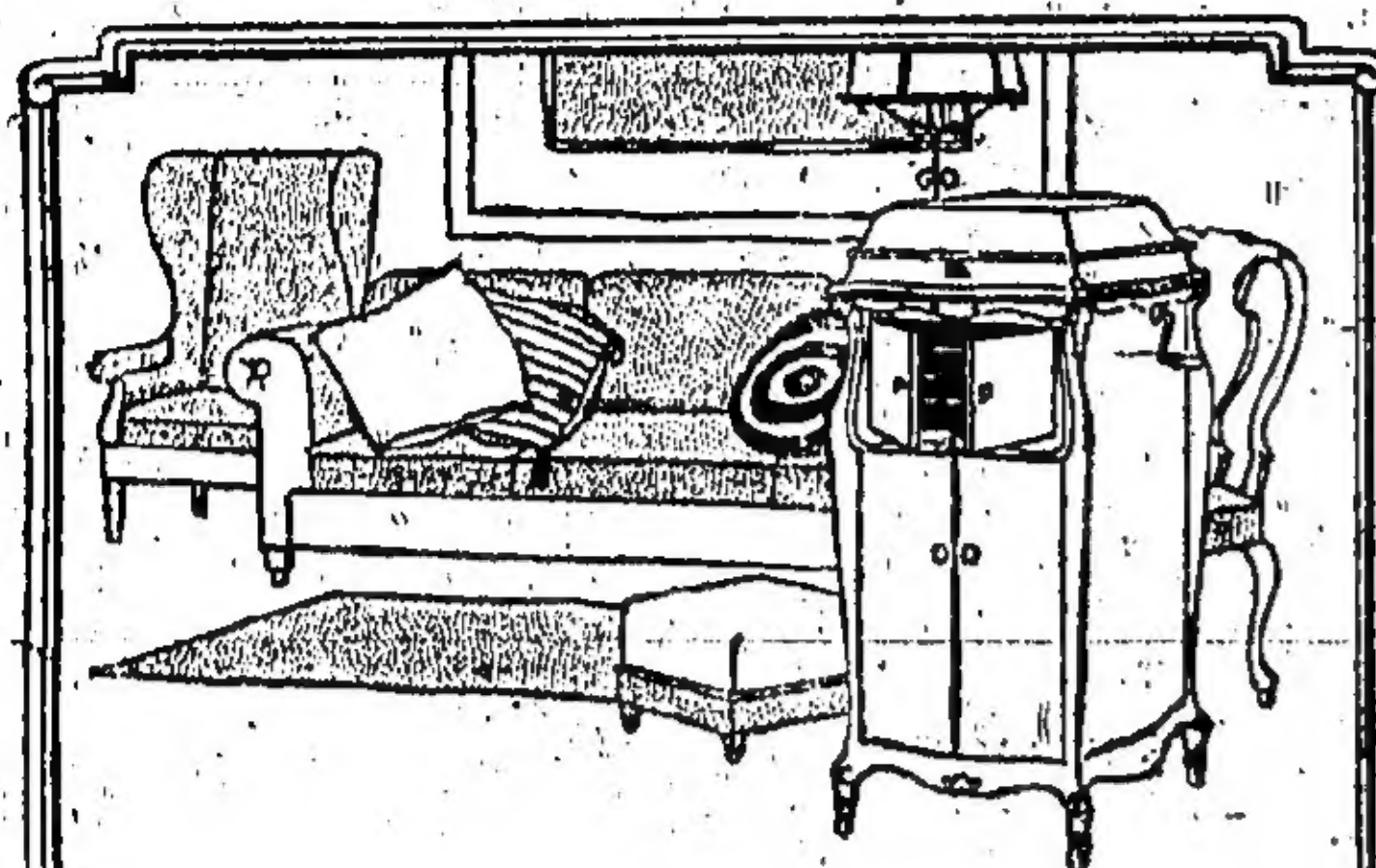
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### EXCLUDING THE JAPANESE. ANOTHER HEATED SENATE DEBATE.

"PURELY DOMESTIC MATTERS."

BOTH SIDES ASSAIL THE REPORT.

WASHINGTON, May 8.

The Senate heatedly debated the immigration bill. Both sides bitterly assailed the conference report postponing Japanese exclusion.

Senators Robinson, Borah, Johnson, Lodge Reed and others maintained that immigration was purely a domestic matter and ought not to be made the subject of treaty negotiation.

The Californian Senator Shortridge announced his intention of moving a point of order that the committee had exceeded its authority and recommending an extension of the date of the measure and lowering the barrier against Asiatic immigration.

[The Congressional Committee accepted President Coolidge's suggestion to report on the provision making the Immigration Bill effective from March 1, 1925 instead of July 1 next on the understanding that the formal abrogation of the "gentleman's agreement" will in the meantime be negotiated. The Committee rejected a proposal to postpone the operation of the bill until March 1, 1926.]

VOICE OF COMMERCE.

CLEVELAND, May 8.

A plenary session of the United States Chamber of Commerce unanimously passed a resolution opposing the exclusion of Japanese by legislative enactment. — *Reuter's American Service.*

### GOVERNMENT CHALLENGED.

MCKENNA DUTIES THE ISSUE.

MOTION A VOTE OF CENSURE.

LONDON, May 8.

In the House of Commons, Mr. J. R. Clynes, Deputy Leader of the House, announcing that Mr. Stanley Baldwin's motion that "it is inexpedient to remove the McKenna duties" would be taken on May 13 said that although the motion was not carried in ordinary terms the Government regarded it as a vote of censure. — *Reuter.*

DEFEAT UNLIKELY.

LATER.

A Government defeat on the Budget is always a serious matter and in view of Mr. Clynes' announcement to-day the Government is bound to treat their defeat on Tuesday in the conventional way by adjourning the House and considering their position.

The chance of defeat is infinitesimal, however, as the Liberals will certainly support the Government while Labour members who favour the McKenna duties are bound to rally to the Government's support after Mr. Clynes' statement. — *Reuter.*

[The McKenna duties were a war measure imposed in 1916. Mr. Bonar Law undertook to remove them after the war. They included tariffs of 33 1/3 per cent on imported motor cars, pianos, watches, clocks, cinema, films and a few other articles. There have been intimations in the papers lately on the part of a number of manufacturers in the trades concerned, particularly the motor car makers, that abolition of the duties would mean the wholesale dismissal of workers. Hence the doubt whether the Labour Government would abolish the duties and Mr. Snowden's explanation during the Budget debate that the date of abolition was fixed for August 1 in order to avoid inconvenience to the trades concerned.]

## OPPOSE JAPANESE IMMIGRATION



Senator Robinson.



Senator Reed.



Senator Johnson.

### REDUCING ARMAMENTS.

AMERICA'S WELCOME SUGGESTION.

BRITAIN READY TO HELP.

LONDON, May 8.

The desirability of a policy of disarmament on one hand and the provision for equipment of dockyards on the other were the main points in the debate on the Naval Estimates in the House of Commons.

The Conservatives persisted in urging the necessity of improving the Singapore dockyard. Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, former First Lord of the Admiralty, said there was an overwhelming case for modernising at least one dockyard east of the Suez Canal and in such an event there was no doubt which one should be chosen.

Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty replying, said the Government had noted with the greatest friendliness and pleasure the American Senate's resolutions as regards a limitation of armaments conference. It would do everything possible as far as Britain was concerned to show a reciprocal desire to enter any such negotiations and discussions. — *Reuter.*

### NEW ERA.

LONDON, May 8.

Mr. Charles Ray Nasmith, the new American consul at Newcastle, called on the Lord Mayor and expressed himself anxious to co-operate in the helpful relations between Britain and the United States. — *Reuter.*

[Every cloud respecting British and American relations was removed by the settlement of the long standing dispute in regard to the American consulate at Newcastle where two consuls were deprived of their exequaturs on the ground that they used their official position to further the interests of American trade.]

### EMPIRE WIRELESS.

LONDON, May 8.

*Reuter* understands that the Cabinet has reached a decision regarding Empire wireless but the time and method of announcing the decision will be left to the Cabinet's wireless committee. It is understood that the decision adopts the main lines of the Donald report. — *Reuter.*

### HOME CRICKET.

LONDON, May 8.

At Cardiff, Glamorgan lost to Yorkshire by an innings and 177 runs. Yorkshire's score was 275 and Glamorgan's 48 and 50, respectively.

Kilner (R) took 4 wickets for 17 and 5 for 25. Macaulay secured 5 for 15 in the first innings.

### SOUTH AFRICANS' TOUR.

At Derby, in the match between Derbyshire and the South Africans, the latter had scored six runs without loss when heavy rain fell and play had to be abandoned for the day.

### RUSSIANS BLAMED.

THE HAGUE, May 8.

A communiqué lays responsibility for the failure of the Russian and Dutch negotiations in Berlin upon the Russians who under the most favoured nation clause refused to grant to Holland advantages accorded to other nations who have recognised her.

The Dutch Government does not intend to go further because it considers the treaty contemplated by Russia would be unsatisfactory from the viewpoint of commerce, navigation, debts and credits. — *Reuter.*

### MORE HASTE NEEDED.

LONDON, May 8.

In the House of Commons, asked when the Government will be able to announce the results of the Anglo-Russian conference in London, Mr. Clynes regretted that he was unable to foretell the duration of the conference, but the Prime Minister proposed to take an opportunity immediately to hurry it up. — *Reuter.*

### WORLD COURT.

WASHINGTON, May 8.

A resolution introduced by Mr. Lodge in the Senate provides for the establishment of a world court at the Hague, of which America shall be a member composed of sixteen judges selected by an electoral commission. — *Reuter's American Service.*

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## The Shah Deposed.

Owing to the opposition of the clergy and the public, as shown by the hostile attitude and the speeches among large crowds outside Parliament during the momentous sitting to decide on the future form of government, the agitation in favour of a Persian Republic collapsed and the matter was dropped (says the Daily Mail).

Parliament decided instead that the present Shah be deposed and succeeded by his infant son of two.

During the new Shah's minority a Regent will act. The deposed Shah, who is 28, has been spending the winter at Nice and Monte Carlo, where he has been a regular visitor for many seasons.

His preference for the French Riviera and the French capital rather than for his own palaces and the domestic resorts of his own country has aroused strong criticism in Persia, and recently the principal political parties decided to depose him because of his frequent holidays abroad.

**What Cloud-Hues Forebode.**  
Little attention seems to have been given by meteorologists to the colouring of sky and cloud, yet certain tints and shades are definitely associated with particular types of weather. Briefly, the colours and their predictions may be classified as follows:—Red, in long narrow streaks over the setting sun, signifies drought in summer, and frost in winter.

(This was a repeated feature of the severe frost of 1895.) Also a red glow from the west, evenly diffused over the upper sky, portends fine weather. But if the red is upon lowering masses of ragged cloud, in lower strata, storms and generally unsettled weather may be anticipated. A greenish sky, where the blue should be, is often noticed after sharp showers, when the sky has momentarily cleared of clouds.

This signifies a moist upper atmosphere, and heralds a continuance of showery weather, with sunny periods intervening. A very dark blue sky, against which the passing clouds are sharply outlined, is followed by stormy weather, but a soft light blue betokens a fine spell. Puffy clouds, drifting moderately low, when tinted strongly with violet hue, often bring a spell of easterly winds. This colour is almost always confined to the winter months. Clouds of bright copper tints, are indicative of electric disturbances, and usually bring thunderstorms, with hail in winter.

Gray is associated with rain particularly if a consistent ashy grey spreads slowly over the whole sky. This, however, must not be confused with the yellowish grey gloom which approaches from the east in periods of drought, and is often mistaken for a gloomy storm. Yellow appears to be a frequent forerunner of heavy fogs.—R. M. Lester in the Daily Mail.

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## Gandhi's Reading in Jail.

A friend of Mr. Gandhi sends this note to a Home paper:—"Mr. Gandhi says that he spent nearly the whole of his time in jail in the study of religion. He reread the whole of the New Testament, and greatly enjoyed reading it for the first time in Moffat's translation. He was also anxious to get to closer grips with the more progressive literature of Islam, and in order to get a firsthand knowledge of the Sufi-books now being published in Upper India studied Urdu. His inquiry has given him the impression that Islam possesses progressive as well as dynamic force. He had also time to make systematic study into some of the Upanishads, the Mahabharata, and his unflinching companion the Gita, notwithstanding what he described as tons of Quaker literature. It is clear that what might have seemed to some of us a fairly steep climb towards philosophic heights was to the Mahatma a welcome rest and refreshment. His visitors all speak of the renewed youth and sparkle of his face, as if the spirit were almost free from the attenuated body. It is with concern that all India watches the slowness of the body's recovery. One friend admitted to an interview many weeks after the operation described him as emaciated almost beyond recognition. It is to be hoped that his recovery will be as complete as it has been slow, for his gratitude and goodwill towards Colonel Maddock and the British authorities are valuable possessions."

## A Tale of Tennyson.

One of Mr. Hodgson's amusing stories is about Tennyson in Paris. The poet, leaving his hotel to go for a walk while his brother Frederick slept on a sofa asked the waiter, in his best French to see that the fire did not go out. Unfortunately his "best French" misled him into saying "feu" for "feu," with the result that he returned to find his brother in fierce altercation with a posse of waiters. "What do you mean by telling the waiters I was a lunatic who mustn't be allowed to go out?" shouted Frederick.

## "Jane's" Anthology.

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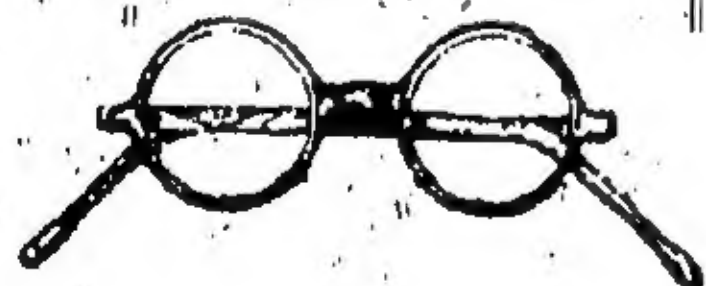
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## THE LAST CAR.

Can it be said that the public of Hongkong is well served by the services that cater for its convenience? During the day there may not be much to complain about. The lower level trams run at stated times at a dead level of uniformity of speed. They may be half-empty or overfull, yet they run. The public may overcrowd them—as they do more than frequently—but the rule that is correctly printed in good English prose that standing room is not

allowed is studiously ignored—for after all there are none, so blind as those who will not see; and perhaps the Tramway Company has a scenic painter learning English who has only got to the stage of expression mentioned. The ferries to Kowloon commence their flat-bottomed slidings early, and let it be said in full justice to those unable to speak for themselves, they finish early. The Peak Tramway? Let us in all humility, and with bated breath utter no word of scandal concerning it. It is like the servant girl—as good as it ought to be, and its observance of early hours if it is above reproach, is not beyond it. These may be said to constitute the trinity that keeps the Colony

respectable. Let no young person who has taken the wrong turning trot out the old excuse that he or she did not know. Did not know that is the last ferry, car, or tram left at, or on, and a little before midnight. We fear that Hongkong is a byword on the tongues of Shanghai, Manila, and Singapore—and all on account of our public utility services. Jack Jones on the Peak who has not seen his best friend since yesterday, must scurry, or he will be left. The Peak person (let the sibilants be pronounced nicely please) makes the same dash when he is on a lower level, whilst those who would make Kowloon their home are often deterred therefrom by the fact of that last ferry. Surely there should be no last ferry, car or tram. It should be possible to have hourly conveyances after midnight—especially in this weather, and thus make life less irksome than it is, and as some auctioneer said a long time ago—"one grand sweet song."

## Fever versus Flowers.

Sentiment and business we understand are never very happy companions. One undoubtedly conflicts with the other. The result is that the generality of business men is of the strong, silent type, pictured in a certain class of novel. We imagine his motto to be "Does it pay?" with the alternative "Business is business." This happily does not seem to apply to Government bodies—at any rate not to the Sanitary Board. They believe in living and letting live—especially where gardeners and mosquitoes are concerned. We, with them, can find a measure of sympathy for the man who grows and sells flowers opposite the Kowloon Hotel for a living, but who seems to be responsible for the mosquitoes about which residents at the Hotel complain; and with the acting head of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs we are almost prepared to shed tears. But we are bound to point out that the Government has sold land which has now been developed for the definite purpose of housing people; that the Sanitary Board exists for the purpose of making the Colony as healthy as possible, and freeing the place as far as possible from mosquitoes which it is admitted are not aids to health. It seems absurd to request a Chinese gardener to keep mosquitoes down, especially when the only means of so doing is likely to injure his garden. The only sensible thing to do is to remove the gardener to a more isolated spot where he can grow his flowers in peace free from the complaints of those who naturally object to being bitten and probably contracting fever.

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local Rationalists should be interested in the following extract from the will of the late Mr. H. Landon:

"I do not leave anything to the various charities and religious organisations to which I have subscribed during my lifetime, but as the Lord prospers and blesses my son I exhort him to continue the same so far as his means will allow as a small thank-offering for the way the Lord has led us and blessed us during the whole of our pilgrimage here below, and may He keep him and bless him henceforth and for evermore." (Net personality £9,633)...

Persons of musical "THE RED FLAG" anxiety now lest the accession to power of a Labour Government tends to make for the popularity of that very dreary hymn, "The Red Flag," once described by Mr. George Bernard Shaw as suggestive of "the funeral-march of a fried egg." The words date from 1895, when nihilists in Russia and anarchists in Chicago flourished. They first appeared in *Justice*, some of the verses having been written in a train between Charing Cross and New Cross by the author, one Connel. It was not until about 1895 that a musical setting was provided. This, of course, was based on the German folk tune, "O Tannenbaum" (O fir tree), a Christmas song of tender associations. It is more cheerful as a song for children than as a hymn of political hate.

Although a correspondent to a London daily recently made the statement that the "Midland Tree" at Lillington, Warwickshire, stands at the very centre of England, many will recall that such a distinction is generally regarded as belonging to the old stone on the green at Meriden, five miles from Coventry, on the main road to Birmingham. Anyhow, very close to this stone is a war memorial, erected in this location, it is understood, so as to be as near to the "heart" of England as possible.

Once upon a time the Tube man's conversation with his passengers was confined to a moody "Pass right down, please," or "No smoke lift." But the company's film lessons in politeness have changed all that. The other day, as a train steamed out of the station (writes a correspondent), the gateman looked on us in a fatherly way and announced courteously, "Please hold tight; we are now about to proceed."

Our Philippine friends LORD... tacked on Lord to H. E. the Governor's title when he visited them. The word seems to be fatal. We notice in quite one of the best New York papers a faithful likeness of Mr. Asquith, but declared to be Lord Asquith. Margot would probably be amused if she knew.

The various brands of un-English English spoken in the Pacific countries are always entertaining. Some good specimens come from Manila, where a Filipino guide introduced himself to an English tourist with the words: "Me want to be big wow-wow to you, my sir." And the following charming letter of resignation was sent by an up-country female teacher to the Director of Education: "Dear Sir, I have the honour to resign, as my work is many and my salary few. Besides which my supervising teacher makes many loving to me, to which I only reply, 'Oh not, Oh not—Yours very respectfully, Josefa'."

A school teacher in the East End sends a good story. She set her class the task of giving the direct opposite to a number of words she wrote down. One of the words was "Private," and a little girl, with a knowledge extensive and peculiar beyond her years, gave as the opposite to it "jug and bottle."

To-day's Poem.  
(A Chinese Cottage.)  
After the shower at Pa-shang,  
I see the evening-lines of wild-geese.  
Boughs of alien, limp-hanging leaves,  
A lantern's cold gleam, lonely in the night,  
A vacant garden, white with dew,  
Stones that have fallen from a hermitage.  
I have taken my ease here long enough.  
What am I waiting for, I wonder?  
—Ma Tai.  
Translated from the Chinese.

WEATHER CALENDAR  
MAY 9.  
1699. Back to the Park, and there till night, being fine weather, and much Company. And so home, and after

supper to bed. This day I first left off both my waistcoats by day and my waistcoats by night, it being very hot weather, so hot as to make me break out here and there, in my hands, which vexes me to see, but is good for me.—Peppy.

## ADVENTURE.

To die will be an awfully big adventure.  
—J. M. Barrie.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

May 9.—Coronet Theatre; 5.15 p.m. only. "A Message from Mars." 7.15 p.m. and 9.20 p.m. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."  
May 9.—Star Theatre; 5.30 p.m. "The Clean-Up." 7.15 p.m. William Hengshan, renowned Scottish Basso-Baritone in an amazing repertoire of songs.  
May 9.—World Theatre; "Daytime Wives."  
May 9.—Queen's Theatre; Irene Castle in "Slim Shoulders."  
May 9.—At Helena May Institute, moving pictures of Hongkong taken for Empire Exhibition, 5.30 p.m. SOCIAL.

May 17.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.  
May 31.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

## SPORTS.

May 9.—East Surrey Regiment International Coy., Boxing Competitions at Murray Barracks, 9.15 p.m.  
May 10.—In the City Hall, semi-finals and finals of the East Surrey Rgt. Inter-Company boxing competitions.  
May 24.—Third extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.  
May 12.—At P. W. D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Magazine Gap, 3 p.m.

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

May 13.—Lammeret Bros. at Sales Rooms, Postage Stamp, 5.15 p.m.  
May 14.—Lammeret Bros. at Sales Rooms, leasehold property, Victoria Road, near Villa Miramere, 3 p.m.  
June 11.—Lammeret Bros. at the premises of the F.K. Tramway Co., Ltd., Bowington Canal Rd., East, steam driven electric generating plant, 3 p.m.

## COMPANY MEETINGS.

May 9.—Statutory meeting of the Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., at Company's Office, 2nd floor China Bldg., 3 p.m.  
May 16.—Fifty-first annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., at Head Office, Union Building, noon.  
May 16.—Fifty-eighth ordinary meeting of British Traders Insurance Company, at Head Office, Union Building, 12.15 p.m.  
May 16.—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office, Union Building, 12.20 p.m.  
May 23.—Forty-third meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Jardine Matheson's offices, at noon.  
May 26.—Second meeting of shareholders of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel, noon.  
May 11.—Aerial Acrobatic feats at Tlapov Valley, 2.30 p.m.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One small-pox (imported case) and one of cerebro spinal fever, both Chinese were notified to the Sanitary authorities yesterday.

Communications have now been received from the Pakhoi Customs Commissioners to the effect that small-pox is no longer epidemic in Pakhoi.

An earth quake was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from wounds sustained as a result of being knocked down in Praya East by a motor car belonging to the World Garage.

The master of a cargo boat living at Tsing-yi, opposite Tsau Wan reports to the Police that about 3 p.m. on Tuesday, a *fohi* dived off the boat which was lying at anchor off Lung Ka Tan and failed to re-appear.

Two sekours of opium were made shortly after ten o'clock last night when the third engineer (Chinese) and the comprador's cook on the s.s. "Po Lee" were arrested and found in possession of two packages, one containing 56 taels and the other 20 taels of prepared opium.

The six men who were arrested yesterday in a round-up by Hongkong Police at a tea house in Des Voeux Road and found in possession of daggers and guns, were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Hongkong Magistrate's Court this morning. The case against them was remanded for a week.

## TYPHOON WEATHER.

## WHEN THE FERRIES STOP.

Boon For Kowloon Residents.

We are to-day in receipt of the following from the Hon. Secretary of the Kowloon Residents' Association:—  
As the result of negotiations, recently conducted, arrangements have now been made whereby Kowloon residents who are telephone subscribers will, in typhoon weather, be able to ring up the telephone exchange and obtain from the operator information as to whether the "Star" Company's ferry boat service has been suspended or not.

During last summer, residents on the Peninsula were often put to great inconvenience through having to journey in very bad weather to the ferry wharf before knowing that the service had been suspended. In order to remove such inconvenience, the Kowloon Residents' Association enquired of the Government whether it was not possible to hoist some special and easily distinguishable signal on the mast of the Royal Observatory indicating that the ferry company had been forced to discontinue its service. Quite recently the Association has been informed by the Government that the latter does not see its way clear to make the suggested arrangement.

Correspondence has since been entered into by the Association and the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., and the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company as the result of which, all residents having telephones will be able to learn, quickly and easily, whether ferry boats are running. So soon as either the red flag (indicating that launches may stop at any moment) or the blue flag (indicating that launches have stopped) is hoisted at the ferry wharf, the Ferry Company will notify the clerk-in-charge of the telephone exchange such information being passed on to the operators, who will be open to receive and answer the enquiries of subscribers. In notifying its willingness to co-operate in this way, the Telephone Company pointed out that, owing to heavy pressure of work during typhoon weather, it is possible that some slight hitch might occur but that, so far as is possible, readily answered.

In making this arrangement public, the Kowloon Residents' Association wishes to express its thanks, on behalf of residents generally, to the Telephone Company for so readily consenting to become partners in the arrangement. Residents should be saved a great deal of unnecessary and uncomfortable travel in bad weather, but the Association wishes to urge a discriminate and thoughtful use of the privilege. Only in really bad weather when there is every likelihood of the ferry service being stopped should telephone subscribers, anxious to journey to Hongkong if possible, make enquiries. Failing a reasonable use of the telephone in these circumstances, it is quite conceivable that the privilege would have to be withdrawn.

## "QUAINTS" AGAIN.

Returning to the Colony after their very successful tour in the North, the ever popular Quaints Company commence a brief Kowloon season in the Star Theatre to-morrow evening. This Company is too well known here to require any introduction now, and it is not so much necessary to remind local amusement seekers of the treat awaiting them, as to draw their attention to the advertisement setting forth the dates of the performances, so that the nights in question can be kept free from other engagements.

## LAST CHANCE.

Hongkong cinema goers have their last opportunity this evening of seeing "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," the wonderful film version of Victor Hugo's romance which has been drawing large crowds to the Coronet Theatre all this week. The picture is undoubtedly a masterpiece and nobody should miss seeing it before it leaves the Colony.

## WORLD FLIGHT.

ALLAHABAD, May 8.  
The Portuguese aeroplane is reported to have crashed at Piplar, Jodhpur. The airmen were uninjured.—*Reuter*.

LISBON, May 8.  
The crash of the Portuguese biplane in India was due to damage caused by a cyclone. Lieutenant Belros was unhurt. Captain Paix was slightly hurt and the mechanic suffered bruises.—*Reuter*.

## PIRATES SHOT.

## HONGKONG OFFICERS SEE EXECUTION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, May 8.

The Kowloon Superintendent of Police, Li Hoi-wan has given up his post, and is being succeeded by Chiu Chik-chi, the former San Wui magistrate.

The pirates who were caught by the Customs launch "Kung Pak" at Macao some time ago, numbering 41, have been dealt with. Thirty-eight men were shot at Shekdi and three died from illness. The two women received 10 years' imprisonment. It is said that some police officers of Hongkong went to Shekdi via Kowloon to witness the execution.

A small conflict between the soldiers under Chan Sik-kin and the Pak 'Shek' village guards occurred last night at Pak Shek. Many guns were fired. There were no casualties. Both sides captured several men. Negotiation is going on, and peaceful result is expected. It is remarkable that the pirates did not kidnap the people belonging to the Sunning district in the recent piracy on the Portuguese motor boat "Fortia." It is said that the leader of the gang questioned the passengers and set them free if their Sunning dialect was genuine.

Other sources have given the name of the unfortunate vessel as the "Operto" and it is also stated that the captain, who was shot by the pirates, was a Russian subject.—*Ed. "China Mail."*

## SURREY'S BOXING.

## KNOCK-OUTS IN SECOND NIGHT'S BOUTS.

Boxing continued in the same lively style at Murray Barracks last night when contestants from the East Surreys fought in the second night's events for the inter-Company Championships. There were three knock outs in five minutes.

The results were:—  
Light Heavy-weights:—Pte. Squire was far too good for Pte. Benast (W.) and knocked him out early in the first round.  
Middle-weights:—The second event was also short and sweet. Pte. Eaton (A.) punished Pte. Leach (D.) before the referee stopped the fight in the first round. Pte. Sheppard (C.) knocked out Pte. Freestone (W.) in the first round.

Welter-weights:—Pte. Hammond (A.) defeated Pte. Hammon (R.) on points in three rounds. Hammond was always on the defensive. L/Cpl. Barber (B.) was awarded the verdict over Pte. Cole (W.) who in the second round injured his hand and had to give up.

Light-weights:—In the second round, L/Cpl. Key (C.) retired with an injured hand and L/Cpl. Williamson (A.) was declared the winner. "Bandman" Wareham (W.) won on points over Pte. Rhone (D.) after a very cautious and clean exhibition. L/Cpl. Raynesford (D.) and Pte. Simmonds (B) provided much amusement with their original show of styles. Simmonds was the winner. Pte. Ditch (A.) administered the K.O. to L/Cpl. Smith within half a minute.

Feather-weights:—Pte. S. A. Smith (C.) knocked out Dmr. Leavey (W.) towards the close of the first round. Pte. J. Grant (D.) was too skilful for Pte. Cooper (A.). The referee stopped the fight half way through the third round. Cpl. Eades (R.) and Pte. Bowles (W.) gave one of the best exhibitions of the evening. Bowles lost after a plucky display. L/Cpl. Halcombe was the winner on points over L/Cpl. Lacey after fighting an extra round.

Bantams:—Ptes. Joy (W.) knocked out Pte. Baxter (A.) in the second round. The loser was deservedly awarded half a point for his plucky display. Cpl. Major knocked out Pte. Grint in 32 seconds.

## The Points Won.

At the conclusion of the first night's bouts the points gained towards the Armstrong Inter-Company Cup were:—

"A" Company	21½
"C" Company	21½
"D" Company	21
White Wing	21
"B" Company	18½
Red Wing	13
The position to date is:—	
"A" Company	34½
White Wing	32
"D" Company	30
"C" Company	26½
"B" Company	21½
Red Wing	16

The competition will be concluded at the Theatre Royal to-morrow.



**POLICE SERGT. CHARGED.**

**ALLEGED INSUBORDINATION.**

**"REFUSED TO SALUTE A SUPERIOR OFFICER."**

**CASE ADJOURNED.**

Sergt. Roberts of the Hongkong Police was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Hongkong Magistracy this morning, with "being a member of the Hongkong Police is guilty of insubordination in that he refused to salute a superior officer on May 8."

The Court was crowded with members of the Police amongst whom were the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain-Superintendent.

Sergt. Roberts pleaded not guilty to the charge and asked that the charge be amended as the original charge had been amended to bring him within the jurisdiction of the Court. It was not the same charge as was read out to him in the Superintendent's office.

Sergt. Roberts also asked for a remand in order to give him time to secure legal advice on the matter.

Mr. Lindsell adjourned the case until Wednesday noon on the sergeant's application and fixed bail at \$50.

The superior officer concerned in the case is Inspector Kent.

**CABLES TO CANTON.**

**SERVICE AGAIN RESUMED.**

After a brief interruption following military occupation of a part of the lines outside British territory, the telegraph service between Hongkong and Canton has again been definitely resumed and cables are passing to and fro without trouble.

About ten days ago the Hongkong office of the Chinese Telegraphs Administration announced that the service after being held up for months had started again but this return to previous conditions was only short-lived as Chan's soldiers re-invaded Sam-chun. Now that the invaders have gone no difficulty remains and it is sincerely hoped that there will be no more interruptions.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.**

Wang Chen-ping has applied for ten days' leave. It is understood that he has given up all intention of resigning, says a Peking telegram to the *Daily Bulletin*.

Those who sailed on the "Empress of Asia" yesterday included Count and Countess Casarillis, who are going to Shanghai, Major-General Sir John Fowler, Lady Fowler and daughters who are going to North China; Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Murray, Mr. H. A. Nutt, Rev. Father Spada, Mr. D. Templeton (going to Shanghai), Mrs. and Miss Templeton (going home), Major Trench, the Rev. Father H. Valtoria, and Mr. Fred Ellis.

**M. POINCARÉ.**

**HIS SPARTAN HABITS.**

"Poincaré: A Biographical Portrait," published to-day (T. Fisher, Unwin, 7s. 6d.), is an excellent account of the French Prime Minister and his policy by Mr. Sisley Huddleston, who for some years has been an English Press correspondent in Paris.

This is his description of M. Poincaré's personal appearance: "He is rather pale in complexion, and his face in repose always wears a melancholy expression. Behind the white mask there burns a fire which now and again in the course of conversation flashes through his eyes."

At eight every morning he is at the Quai d'Orsay. He is tireless and punctual; not a moment is lost. It is often between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening when he leaves the Quai d'Orsay to dine at home.

It is believed by a good many people that M. Poincaré does not really represent France. This, says the author, is a complete delusion: It would be hard to find a more genuine exponent of French views than M. Poincaré.

Mr. Huddleston has the severest criticism for the methods of successive British Governments: "This eternal game of seesaw between France and Germany," he says, "so far from preventing another war, will make another war absolutely certain. Germany, encouraged and supported by England, will sooner or later revolt in arms against the Treaty of Versailles and will seek her revenge. Once more Germany will be on top."

**WILLIAM HEUGHAN.**

**FAMOUS SINGER AT STAR THEATRE.**

Though William Heughan has gained the basis of his reputation as a talented Scotch bass singer, he proved to an appreciative audience at the Star Theatre last night that his repertoire is not entirely composed of Scotch songs for he sang Irish and English melodies which were equally popular and also "The Song of the Flea" which again was deservedly applauded. Mr. Heughan shouldered most of the burden of the evening and must have contributed at least twenty songs to the evening's entertainment. Dave Kennedy caused some amusement with his humorous Scotch numbers and Miss Gladys Sayer provided a welcome diversion with her capable execution of pianoforte solos. As an accompanist throughout the evening she worked hard and well earned the applause.

Mr. Heughan announced that to-night he will give another concert and will sing several of the songs that have been specially asked for.

**THOSE LANDLORDS.**

**WHY THE WALLS WERE "TAPPED."**

That the landlord had a perfect right to take the roof from over a tenant's head if he did not go out was the contention of Mr. C. A. Brooks in defending the action of Wong Sao who was sued yesterday at the Summary Court by the Kam Sang firm for \$1,000 damages for trespass.

Further evidence for the plaintiff's claim was given, it being stated that the front of the premises concerned (27 Lyndhurst Terrace) were blocked with poles and a matshed, the tiles were taken off and although these were replaced the plaster was not and daylight was visible through them. The walls were hammered and gaps made in them.

Part of the evidence for the defence was also heard, the landlord stating that the house was old and the walls were tapped to see if they were safe.

The case was adjourned sine die.

**MOTOR BUS DEATHS.**

**DRIVERS CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.**

The two bus drivers of the Chun Hing Company, charged with manslaughter as a sequel to the collision between two buses in the New Territory on April 6 when four of the passengers were killed and several others injured, re-appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

According to the evidence of various witnesses at 11 o'clock on the same morning, another bus of the same company met with an accident at Ching Lung Tau, and overturned.

The conductor of one of the buses concerned in the collision stated the bus left Ping Shan with over 20 passengers. The number allowed by the licence was 22. Arriving at Ping Shan, Police Sergeant Stimson stopped the bus and turned away 7 passengers in excess of the number allowed. Witness said he did not know at what speed the bus was going at when it collided. He was collecting fares at the time. Suddenly he was knocked senseless. When he regained consciousness, about ten minutes later, he found that his bus had been wrecked.

In reply to Traffic Inspector Kent, witness said that after the Sergeant had turned away the excess passengers the driver scolded him for allowing people to board the bus when it was full. Witness told the driver that it was very difficult to stop people from boarding the bus as there were two entrances.

The case was again adjourned.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**HONGKONG GEOLOGY.**

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir, I observe in your reports that Professor Schofield stated in his lecture on geology at Hongkong University that, though Hongkong has what is termed a drowned coast, "the water had never been higher than at present."

If that be so, can the Professor, or anybody else who has studied the subject, explain the existence of beds of sand in conjunction with layers of loose pebbles (mostly limestone) on some of our hills, even as high as 1,200 feet above sea level?—Yours etc.,

INTERESTED.  
Hongkong, May 8, 1924.

**"TAI LEE" MASTER.**

**"GROSS DEROGATION OF DUTY."**

"In this case I find the defendant, the master of a British ship, the s.s. 'Tai Lee,' admitting that he does not muster or check his crew to discover illegal changes in the personnel. This I consider, in view of the prevalence of piracy, which has been found by proper enquiry to be due to the connivance of the crew of ships, to be a gross derogation of his duty as master."

This measure was delivered by Lieut.-Comdr. Hake at the Marine Court yesterday when he fined Captain J. Webster \$10 for (a) unlawfully discharging two seamen without the sanction of the Harbour Master, and (b) shipping four seamen to do duty on board. A plea of not guilty was entered.

Deputy Shipping Master G. W. Coys stated that at 5 p.m. on 1st May he visited the "Tai Lee" in company with the Master, and mustered the crew. He found four men who were not members of the crew according to the ship's articles. He also learned that two other men had left the ship that day.

The ship's articles were then handed up to the bench and it was shown that the new men had not signed on, nor had those dismissed signed off.

Captain Webster, in defence, said that these changes took place without his knowledge or consent, and that he had nothing at all to do with the payment of the men or anything else. In answer to questions he stated that he never mustered or checked the crew in any way.

**HONOUR FOR HONDA.**

**CHOSEN FOR DAVIS CUP TEAM.**

Hongkong will have the distinction of seeing one of its best lawn tennis players competing in the Davis Cup competition for Mr. T. Honda, the Japanese player who won the Singles Championship of the Colony recently, has been selected to play in the Olympic competitions in Paris, in place of Mr. Ohta, who, on his arrival in the Colony on the "Katori Maru," was immediately removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where an operation was performed for appendicitis.

This is a great honour for Mr. Honda, though no one who has seen his exhibitions can doubt the choice as being unworthy of such a clever exponent.

Honda will leave for Paris by the "Atsuta Maru," or, if possible, an earlier boat. Mr. Ohta will return to Japan when he recovers.

**COMMERCE AND FINANCE.**

**NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.**

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:

Java sugar, average quality, per picul net—Futures No. 24 rough white July delivery \$11.65, August delivery 11.55, September delivery 11.43. "Spot" No. 24 rough white \$13.85, No. 24 brown white 15.50, No. 18 rough brown 13.30, Java brown 11.80.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long white \$9.70, No. 1 Saigon long white 7.85.

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**HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.**

In addition to the quotations given on page 11 as usual, the following should be noted:

Hongkong Sharebrokers' Assn.—H.K. & Shanghai Hotel shares—Old issue are numbered 1 to 375,000 inclusive and the New issue (1924) \$5 paid, are numbered from 375,001 onwards.

**YANGTSE WATERWAYS.**

PEKING, May 8. General Tien, Military Attaché at Nanking, has arrived at Loyang, where he will discuss means for guarding the waterways in the Yangtze Valley.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

**BILLIARDS.**

**THE HO KOM-TONG CUPS.**

At the Palace Hotel last night in the handicap competition for the Ho Kom-tong Cups, Mr. W. Wong (150) beat Mr. H. P. Brooks (100) by 250-225. The breaks were: Wong, 26, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 17, 15; Brooks, 24, 14.

**JAPAN VISIT.**

**INDO-CHINA GOVERNOR'S MISSION.**

Tokyo, May 8. M. Merlin, Governor-General of Indo-China, who has arrived here, was welcomed by the Government, Municipal officials, Embassy and the leaders of the French colony.

To-morrow M. Merlin will be received in audience by the Prince Regent, and will attend a luncheon to be given in his honour. Many of the morning papers editorially welcome the visit as an opportunity for cementing the friendship and economic relations between France and Japan.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

**CHINA AND SOVIET.**

**REDS TO LEAVE URGU?**

Peking, May 8. Wu Pei-fu has telegraphed to Dr. Wellington Koo assuring the latter of his support in connection with the Russo-Chinese negotiations, which he hopes will be speedily resumed on the basis of the early withdrawal of the Red troops from Urgu.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

**HONORARY DEGREE.**

New York Man Honoured.

Patna, May 8. Dr. Maximilian Toch, Professor of Industrial Chemistry at the Cooper Institute, New York, who came to China at the invitation of the Chinese Government in order to deliver a course of lectures on wood-oils and the means to correct their adulteration, to-day received the degree of Doctor of Science, which has been conferred for the second time by the Government University.

Dr. Toch is proceeding to London this evening by Hankow, accompanied by Mr. J. J. Keegan.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

**EDITOR'S CLAIM.**

**NEWSPAPER ALLEGES NEGLIGENCE.**

Shanghai, May 9. The "China Press," replying to Mr. Webb's action for \$80,000, alleges "negligence," neglected, failed and refused to carry out all the duties and obligations on his part to be performed. The Company asks that the case be dismissed with costs.—Reuter.

**FAREWELL DINNER.**

Shanghai, May 9. The Shanghai Race Club yesterday evening gave a farewell dinner to the well-known jockey Mr. Billy Hill who is retiring from China.—Reuter.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, who is arriving at Shanghai to-morrow after an inspection tour of Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, will open the Union Jack Club on Monday, says the *Daily Bulletin*.

Wu Pei-fu telegraphed to President Tsao Kun on May 5, says a Peking cable to the *Daily Bulletin*, expressing the view that at present it is not advisable to make any Cabinet changes.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, has arrived, and is leaving for home on board the "Empress of Asia" to-morrow, says a *Daily Bulletin* Shanghai cable.

Peking, May 8.—Sun Tan-lin, ex-Minister of the Interior, who left Loyang on May 5, is officially visiting Tientsin, Tsingtau, Shanghai and Hankow. The object of these visits has not been revealed.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

Moscow, May 8.—The provincial court at Ekaterinoslav has condemned to death four ex-officers of the Denikin and Wrangel armies, who were allegedly connected with anti-revolutionary associations abroad after the civil war, and killed many Soviet officials.—Reuter.

Moscow, May 8.—The trial has concluded of sixteen industrialists, charged with economic espionage, corruption and unfair practices. Two were sentenced to death and a number of others to long terms of imprisonment. All the accused were connected with the textile trust. The prosecutor described the proceedings as an effort to prevent private capital conquering the wholesale trade.—Reuter.

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**STATUTORY MEETING ADDRESS.**

At the meeting this afternoon Mr. Carl B. Shank, chairman of the Directors said:—

"This meeting is held under the provisions of the Company's Ordinance of 1911 which requires a report of the position of the Company to be laid before you within three months from the date of incorporation of the Company. The report has been duly circulated among the shareholders, and it contains particulars of receipts and disbursements since the Company was authorized to commence business to April 24, being the date the accounts were closed for the purpose of preparing the report."

This is all the business to be undertaken at this meeting; but I may, however, take this opportunity of informing you that contracts have been entered into for the purchase of the necessary materials for the manufacture of Simplex plaster. Further, your Directors have been fortunate in securing the services of a leading expert in the manufacture of plaster and gypsum products. I am, therefore, in a position to state that the preliminary arrangements have been satisfactorily concluded.

**ALLEGED FORGERY.**

That she feloniously uttered two \$50 and two \$10 Straits Settlements notes and a \$10 bank note, knowing them to have been forged, was the charge preferred against Lo Ching, a married woman, at the Yaumatei court this morning. She was remanded for a week without evidence.

**PALMISTRY SECRETS.**

**TYPES OF SCOTTISH HANDS.**

For two hours, in the Good Hall, Edinburgh, Mr. A. Nicol Bruce, W.S., imparted secrets in the art of what is commonly known as "reading the hand" to a gathering of about 100 people, mostly women.

At the outset, Mr. Bruce said the hand was a wonderful revealer, and gave the most exact outward proof of inward character and destiny. The reason was that in the hands were hundreds of corpuscles, each containing "the end of a nerve immediately connected with the brain. As the face was the mirror of the soul, so was the hand, the mirror of the mind."

The philosophic hand, he said, was usually thin and slim, with long, bony, knotty-jointed fingers. Abroad the type was very prominent among the Greeks, Mohammedans, and Turks. This hand of Ancient Athens lived to-day, and moved and had its being in Scotland within the walls of modern Athens—their own inspiring and impressive Naples of the north. This hand was possessed by scientific searchers and students, great readers, lovers of wisdom, luminaries of the law, litterateurs, leaders of religious thought and movement. The knotted or jointed fingers denoted carefulness and detail, keen analysis, reflection, and order both in work and study.

The conic or artistic hand, with fine fingers tapering and pointed, he had observed, predominated in four places—Inverness, Perth, Oban, and in certain parts of Edinburgh. The women of this type he had also noted usually married for love.

The psychic or idealistic hand was a refined cross between the philosophic and the conic. He regarded this type as the highest development of the hand on the purely mental plane, but from the worldly standpoint it was by no means the most successful. Its possessors often lived in a far-away world of dreams and ideals, sure of a moderate amount of daily bread and margarine—(laughter)—some of them evincing great ability, minus application, and others marrying or being married by women with wealth. In the Universities of the capital and of Glasgow, strange to say, such hands were how conspicuous by their absence, the realities of life apparently coming far before the idealities, both with teachers and with taught.

German measles has broken out at Harrow School, over 20 cases being reported from one House.

London, May 8.—Home Cricket: South Africa 6 for 8. Heavy rain caused play to be abandoned for the day.—Reuter.

Lord Hugh Cecil suggested at the annual meeting of the Holloway Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society that every prison cell should be placarded: "There is no disgrace in being punished. Don't be ashamed of going to prison. Be ashamed of stealing."



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"NAGPORE"	8,283	27th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"KHIVA"	9,067	31st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"ALIPPORE"	8,813	1st June	Singapore, Penang, Cebu & B'way
"SIOGUA"	8,840	14th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,695	23rd June	Singapore, Penang, Cebu & B'way
"SOUHAN"	10,611	28th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	9,098	1st July	Singapore, Penang, Cebu & B'way
"KARMAHA"	8,813	22nd July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SIOGUA"	10,611	26th July	Singapore, Penang, Cebu & B'way
"MALWA"	8,042	29th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DEVANHA"	10,092	31st Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Cebu & B'way
"MANTUA"	8,118	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYA"	11,430	21st Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Cebu & B'way
"KASHMIR"	10,611	24th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	8,840	1st Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Cebu & B'way
"KASHGAR"	8,695	1st Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"TAKADA"	8,490	15th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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"TALMA"	10,090	18th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

**EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)**

"EASTERN"	4,001	24th May	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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"KASHGAR"	8,695	17th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TORILLA"	8,205	24th May	Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,090	30th May	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,695	31st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SIOGUA"	8,813	7th June	Shanghai
"KASHGAR"	8,695	12th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TORILLA"	8,205	19th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,090	27th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,695	28th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SIOGUA"	8,813	10th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,695	11th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TORILLA"	8,205	18th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,090	25th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,695	29th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SIOGUA"	8,813	31st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,695	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TORILLA"	8,205	11th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,090	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,695	22nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SIOGUA"	8,813	24th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,695	31st Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TORILLA"	8,205	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,090	8th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,695	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SIOGUA"	8,813	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,695	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TORILLA"	8,205	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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## CHIEF FIGURES IN DAY'S NEWS.



Above: SENATOR REED SMOOT. Below: DR. ROBERT BRIDGES.

Senator Reed Smoot, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate, declares Congress will not be permitted to adjourn until a reduction in income taxes has been agreed upon. Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn, in an address on "Evolution and Conduct," at Columbia University, New York City, declared Americans, because of their drinking habits, are dying out as a race. The Hon. Bertrand Arthur Russell, mathematician, economist, publicist and Socialist, is making a lecture tour, as also is Dr. Robert Bridges, poet laureate.

## THE REAL JAPAN.

Indeed, the story is not what matters in this surging book. Mr. Paris has a thesis to expand, and he expands it, not much more than his figures who point the moral he wishes to bring out—which is just that of Kipling.

Japan, the land of the Rising Sun, the home of the cherry blossom, the dainty background of the charming little geisha, has provided many a European novelist and dramatist with the material of many a pretty, whimsical tale. That was in the days when the Anglo-Japanese Alliance was a novelty and the little people of the East seemed to us delightful children in a delightful scene. Since then, however, Japan has come to imitate the West, and the sentimental travellers from the West have visited Japan. And it is a different tale about Japan that the novelists and travellers are telling us now.

One of the foremost prophets in this new realism of the Orient is Mr. John Paris. In a new novel, "Sayanara" (Collins, 7s. 6d. net), Mr. Paris resumes the attack from a new and interesting angle. In this story his hero is one Richard Aylmer, a priest of the Church of England, who goes to Japan full of lofty missionary ideals. Part of his idealism is that, in order to convert Japan, he should marry a Japanese wife; and circumstance brings it about that he does marry a girl who has escaped from immoral surroundings. The result is degradation and the swallowing up of Richard Aylmer by the baseness of native life. How he is rescued may be left to the reader to find out.

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gives us some startling specimens of his conversation. This is how he explained his difficulties about accepting the Christian faith:—  
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"Do you read your Bible?" Dick asked.  
"Bible? I find many superstitious tales for old women and babies—silly things for progressive persons."  
"But Jesus Christ—what think you of Him?"  
"Inspired leader of men, but not enough for me. I think more of great Bismarck."  
So Richard Aylmer's eyes are opened, until he learns the truth about Japan. Mr. Paris would have us believe, it may not be the whole truth, but this document is not to be ignored. "Sayanara" is not much for babes. It is, however, a necessary antidote for those who have derived their notions of the East from "The Geisha," that unimpeachable epic of a non-existent Japan.

The Hamburg dock strike, which had lasted 12 days, has been settled.

Prince George, who recently became president of St. George's Hospital, visited the institution and made a tour of the wards.

In the King's Bench Division Mr. J. A. Malcolm claimed from Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., commission, which he said was due under a contract appointing himself and Mr. E. F. Birchall, now dead, sole agents of the company in China. The hearing was adjourned.

The strike of 150 wireless operators at Radio House, Wilson-street, E.C., has been settled by the decision of the employers to grant the application of the Association of Wireless and Cable Telegraphists for an extra £4 a month for married men and £2 a month for single men.

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STRAITS and CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Mon.	12th May, 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	CHAKSANG	Tues.	13th May, 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	KWONGSANG	Wed.	14th May, 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	CHONGSHING	Thurs.	15th May, 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	YATSHING	Fri.	16th May, 10 a.m.
BANGKOK via HOIHOW	CHUNSAO	Sat.	17th May, 11 a.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Sat.	17th May, 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	ORISHING	Fri.	17th May, 11 a.m.
STRAITS and CALCUTTA	TUNGSHING	Sun.	18th May, 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	YUENSANG	Wed.	21st May, 9 a.m.
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	Wed.	23rd May, 9 a.m.
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			25th May, 7 a.m.

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KASHIMA MARU ..... Wednesday, 24th June  
HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM  
LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.  
TAJIMA MARU ..... Tuesday, 13th May  
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AKI MARU ..... Monday, 29th May, at 11 a.m.  
TAYO MARU ..... Wednesday, 18th June, at 11 a.m.  
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.  
TAKAKA MARU ..... Friday, 14th June  
BUENOS AIRES via S'pore, Durban & Cape Town.  
KAWACHI MARU ..... First-half July  
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Calcutta  
YAGATO MARU ..... Saturday, 10th May  
HAKODATE MARU ..... Friday, 23rd May  
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.  
ARITA MARU ..... Tuesday, 20th May  
MURORAN MARU ..... Thursday, 29th May  
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## \$25,000 DAMAGES.

A JURY'S SCALE OF AWARDS.

SANE MAN WHO WAS IN ASYLUM.

Legal arguments will be heard to decide the amount of damages, ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000, which were awarded by a jury in the King's Bench Division to Mr. William Smart Harnett, a fruit and hop grower of Springfield, Newington, Kent, for false imprisonment in mental homes for more than eight years.

Mr. Justice Lush, at the close of the case, which had lasted 16 days, said that no one could have heard the evidence without feeling some misgiving as to the sufficiency of the present laws to protect persons against being detained in asylums when they ought not to have been. He suggested that a judicial inquiry might be held in certain circumstances.

The action had been brought by Mr. Harnett against Dr. Charles Hubert Bond, a Commissioner in Lunacy, of Victoria Street, S.W., and Dr. George Henry Adam, manager of a house for the reception of lunatics, at Mulling Place, West Malling, Kent.

Mr. Harnett got the idea that he had been infected by his first wife with germs which had set up nasal catarrh. He went to a tailor at Chatham who at that time was claiming to be able to cure catarrh by means of tuberculin injections. After some injections he was taken into such a high state of fever and delirium that he was out of his mind for several days in October 1912, according to his counsel, Mr. J. J. Matthews, K.C. (This led to his being received on November 10, 1912, into the home of Dr. Adam.

LET OFF ON PROBATION.

On December 12, 1912, he was let out on probation for 28 days, and went to London on December 12, 1912, to see the Commissioners in Lunacy. He was seen by Dr. Bond, and Dr. Bond and Dr. Adam, who had been ordered to take him back to Mulling. After being kept in various asylums, he escaped on October 15, 1921, and by evading recapture for a fortnight he secured his liberty under an Act of Parliament. Upon consulting medical specialists, he was certified to be sane, and had the management of his property restored to him.

Mr. Matthews described the case as of great public and constitutional importance, and the Attorney-General, Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., who appeared on behalf of the Crown, said that the case raised issues of importance greatly exceeding that of the issues affecting Mr. Harnett. The case amounted to an examination of the practical administration of the Lunacy Acts and it must have occurred to everyone that things had appeared in the case which gave very grave cause for anxiety.

Mr. Harnett, in his evidence, said that while he was in the homes his income from his farms was £1,000 a year. At one home he was allowed 2s. 6d. a week pocket money.

Sir James Crichton-Browne, a Visitor in Lunacy for 15 years, who was called for the defence, said he thought Mr. Harnett went to a quick wench on the verge of an attack of mania. Religious fervour, when it became intense and persistent, and influenced behaviour that led to interference with others, became religious mania. After every "revival" a number of weekly, ill-balanced people were sent to asylums suffering from religious mania.

During the case reference had been made to Mr. Harnett's habit of asking people if they could smell "paraldehyde," and at the hearing Mr. Justice Lush referred to the "paraldehyde" inquiry. It was, sometimes, used as a test for drunkenness, and in rewriting "The Mikado" for children Sir W. S. Gilbert indicated that the inquiry was a common one. Speaking of people who were brawls, he said: "I've made a little list—I've made a little list."

Of incontinent people who might well be underground. For they never would be missed. They never would be missed. The donkey who, of nine times six and eight times seven paces, and stumps out with his nose on the ground.

And asks for your ideas on spelling parallelism.

JURY'S FINDINGS.

After an absence of nearly three hours the jury found that:

Mr. Harnett was not of unsound mind when he was detained

## SPIES AT WORK.

PLOT AND COUNTER-PLOT IN  
SECRET SERVICE.

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Now, however, it is the weapons which interest the war experts who direct their eyes. The secret world-war gave such a stimulus to mechanical and scientific invention that it is now a matter of time before the war will be fought on a new plane. The capture of three spies in France has focused attention on the activities of the Powers' intelligence organisations throughout Europe, says the "Statesman." It is not surprising that the secret services in any one country are not only active, but also in a state of constant change.

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Dr. Adam honestly believed Mr. Harnett was of unsound mind, but did not take reasonable care in doing what he did.

Dr. Bond caused Mr. Harnett to be sent back to West Malling for the purpose of his being detained.

The jury awarded Mr. Harnett \$25,000 damages, and, at the request of counsel were invited to appoint the damages between Dr. Bond and Dr. Adam. They appointed as follows: Dr. Bond £17,500 and Dr. Adam £7,500.

The jury assessed the damages at £10,000 (Bond £7,500, Adam £2,500), on the assumption that the damages might be limited to the period from December 14, 1912, to February 22, 1913, at £9,800 if the damages were to be in respect of 28 days' detention (Bond £7,400 and Adam £2,400); at £5,000 against Dr. Bond for the detention in the Commissioners' offices on December 14, 1912.

Mr. Justice Lush, after making the remark quoted at the beginning, added that he was not making any attack on the Visitors or the Commissioners, but what they had heard was somewhat disquieting. "I cannot help thinking," he said, "that unless the law is urgent or dangerous it might be well worth while considering, where a man like Mr. Harnett could get doctors to examine him immediately, whether some sort of judicial inquiry might not be held in order to consider the question, because it is a very serious one."

He excused the jury further service for eight years, and said he would hear the legal arguments.

## PALACE AND COTTAGE.

DAYS OF FIRST LABOUR  
GOVERNMENT.

The romantic novelist of a hundred years hence is beginning his new book, and this is what he says of us, states a "home paper."

It was the morning of March 18, 1921, a bright and sunny morning with Spring hovering over St. James's Park and his Majesty King George V. was holding his second levee of the season at the old Palace of St. James's.

At the time our story opens England was passing through a period of strange transition. The reverberations of the great German war were still heard, but more important than anything else, in the minds of the people, the first Socialist Government had just come into office.

Yet on this bright March morning there was nothing to show that the centuries-old forms and ceremonies of the most stronghold of tradition in Europe were in any way altered.

THE MAX IS POWER.

The crowds were gathered on the narrow, paved way, and along the broad stretch of the Mall, just as eager to see a great spectacle, as the brilliant throng gathered in a ceaseless stream, that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was in power.

See, there is a stir of more than usual interest among the crowd on the pavement. The Prime Minister himself is arriving. He is resplendent in a "plumed" coat, though a cloak hides the brilliant uniform that is beneath.

In a curious stream the brilliant guests arrived, all of them conveyed in the quaint motor cars of the period. The motor cars are of every kind—many of them superb closed carriages, the highest form of luxury in transport then attained.

But now and again a military officer rolls up in what was known as a two-seater, driven by his wife or daughter. And ever and anon admirals, judges, mayors, and what not arrive in the quaint old taxis of the time.

SYMBOLS OF VALOUR.

It is a wonderful gathering—a true reflection of the England of that day.

There are military officers of all kinds—men who fought in stained blouses in a thousand battles all over the world but who are now resplendent in the brilliant peace-time uniforms of the period.

There are diplomats, stars, crosses, and decorations of all kinds. There are V.C.'s, D.S.O.'s, M.C.'s, and the crowd is quick to recognise these symbols of valor.

There are also bearded boys in black, innocent of any medals. They are members of the Territorial Army, youngsters who were born too late to fight in the Great War, but are now carrying on a great tradition, and have been commanded to meet their King.

Another stir of unusual interest. One of His Majesty's Secretaries of State is arriving. He was born in a cottage, and still lives in one, but he is resplendent in full Court dress. As his motorcar draws up the photographers whose curious duty it is to take pictures for newspapers approach him and ask him to pose.

IN COTTAGE AND PALACE.

"Not for two hundred pounds!" he replies vigorously, and disappears under the dim shadows of the arches of the old Palace.

There is the sound of martial music from the Mall. Many of the crowd rush there. The King is arriving in a State carriage, surrounded by his glittering Household Cavalry. There are cheers, the brilliant cavalcade sweeps at a trot through the garden gate of the Palace and a few moments later his Majesty is receiving the foremost subjects of his realm—socialists, admirals, generals, bishops, men who were born in cottages.

It would make a good opening for an historical romance a hundred years hence. And on the whole it is fairly interesting to-day.

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## \$50,000 HOLD-UP.

DIRECTORS OF GERMAN  
SHIPYARD.

A well-dressed man called at the Hamburg home of Herr Stahl, director of the Vulcan Shipyard, and said he had come on behalf of the men of the works who are on strike. He was shown into Herr Stahl's study, when he immediately whipped out a revolver, levelled it at the director, and said: "Unless you give me one million gold marks (£200,000) at once, I shall shoot."

Herr Stahl, having no money at home, said he would give him a pearl necklace. As he turned to a drawer in which the necklace was kept, a footman came in.

"Stand still, or I shoot," said the visitor, and as the summons was not obeyed he fired, wounding the man in the stomach.

Hearing the sound of firing, Frau Stahl rushed into the room just as her husband was handing over the valuable necklace.

"Stand still, or I shoot," shouted the thief.

And then he forced the two to go down stairs to their motor-car, which was standing before the house, ordered them to get in, took the place next to Frau Stahl, and, levelling the revolver at the chauffeur, forced him to drive to a distant part of the town. There in a deserted street the thief got out and, turning to the chauffeur, said: "Move, and I shoot."

The thief was again obeyed by his victims, who are now offering a reward for the necklace.

Peking, May 8.—Wu Pei-fu requests *Reuter* to state that there is no truth in the foreign Press statements concerning his alleged seizure of railway funds at Tsingtao and elsewhere for military purpose.—*Reuter*.

Tokyo, May 8.—Late last night a train on which Takahashi, President of the Seiyukai was journeying to Tokyo from Amori was wrecked near Sendai. Four were killed and several injured but the Takahashi party was unhurt. A deliberate attempt against the Seiyukai leader is suspected similar to that made just before the Diet was opened in January.

Later.—The wreck was due to a misplaced switch causing the express to collide with a freight train. There is no foundation in the report of malicious intent.—*Reuter*.

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QUEER STORIES.

TOMB WHICH WOULDN'T BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

M. Ossendowski's "Man and Myth in Asia" (just published, Arnold, 14s.) is the work of a well-known mineralogist and authority on Central Asia, who is now a professor on the Polish General Staff and who during the war was sent on a special investigating expedition into Mongolia.

He writes in collaboration with Mr. L. S. Palen, and gives us some of the most astonishing tales we have ever read, which certainly prove, if they are to be accepted as literal, unvarnished fact—that truth is much stranger than fiction. They are entirely concerned with his experiences and adventures in the wildest and least-known parts of Siberia.

He tells of the extraordinary plants and creatures found north of the Altai Range. Tamarisks are common. When he and a friend were bathing in a salt lake, his friend called to him:

"Get out as quick as you can!" With some reluctance I followed him. I soon made out an immense, terrible spider walking with its long hairy legs on the water. It threatened to advance its feelers and carried its head high. It moved fairly close to me with the terrible expression of a battleship with all its guns running.

Mr. Ossendowski declares that the spider is the worst form of this hideous spider.

Putting its forelegs into the spider's hole, it waits until the confident lord of battle fastens the weapon with teeth and hairy feet.

He also tells us that in Siberia on the Bokhara route, known as "Tamarisk Wine" with which to "doze" the travellers when they rob. It is made from tamarisks maddened before death, soaked in alcohol. A few drops added to any drink cause almost immediate faintness, which passes after some hours, but leaves, however, in the victim a form of madness of long duration, loss of memory, and incoherent movements and words. The victim cannot remember what befell him or where he last was.

Another strange tale is of a dolmen or monument of six feet high and six feet wide which refused to be photographed.

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A protest against the present wasteful slaughter of whales in the Southern Seas, was made by Sir Sidney Harmer, Director of Natural History at the British Museum, at a lecture to students of the Indian National Council.

There is very grave danger, he said, if the rate of slaughter continues, of exterminating the whale and killing industry. At no point in history has the slaughter been so appalling and so uneconomical.

Sir Sidney recalled the days when the whale was common in the Bay of Biscay, and whale flesh was commonly sold for human food in the streets of Paris.

I made two photographs from different sides of the dolmen. The same evening I developed my negatives. How astonished I was to find nothing on the plates! In the morning I went to the dolmen to try again, having loaded my camera with fresh plates from a new box. On developing I found nothing on the plates.

This dolmen, he learnt later, was the haunted tomb of one Abuk Khan. He made another attempt on it and took three photographs, but when on his way to develop them he was dinged from his wagon.

I lighted on a heap of stones and smashed my photographic apparatus so completely that the lens and the cases were reduced to fragments.

DEATH PENALTY.  
LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER.

Abolition of the death penalty for murder is proposed in the Offences Against the Person Bill introduced by Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty.

Murder is to be punishable with a fixed sentence of penal servitude for life, except in the case of an offender already undergoing penal servitude for life, when the penalty is to be death.

It includes the provisions increasing the punishment for cruelty to children contained in the Children's Bill, introduced earlier by Mr. Ammon. It was stated in Parliament that the Government would not be able during the present session to give facilities for this Bill.

The other main provisions are: Infanticide by a mother is to amount to manslaughter only, if she has not fully recovered from the mental effects of the birth.

Nothing in the Bill authorises the infliction of corporal punishment, and the part of the Garroting Act, 1863, dealing with attacks on the person is repealed.

The age of consent is raised to 18. The law relating to the procurement of women and girls is greatly strengthened. In certain circumstances the crime is made punishable with penal servitude for ten years.

Boys under 18 are protected from women of or over that age. The maximum penalty on the woman committing sexual immorality with boys is imprisonment for two years, or, if she was suffering from disease in a communicable form, penal servitude for five years.

The Bill does not extend to Scotland.

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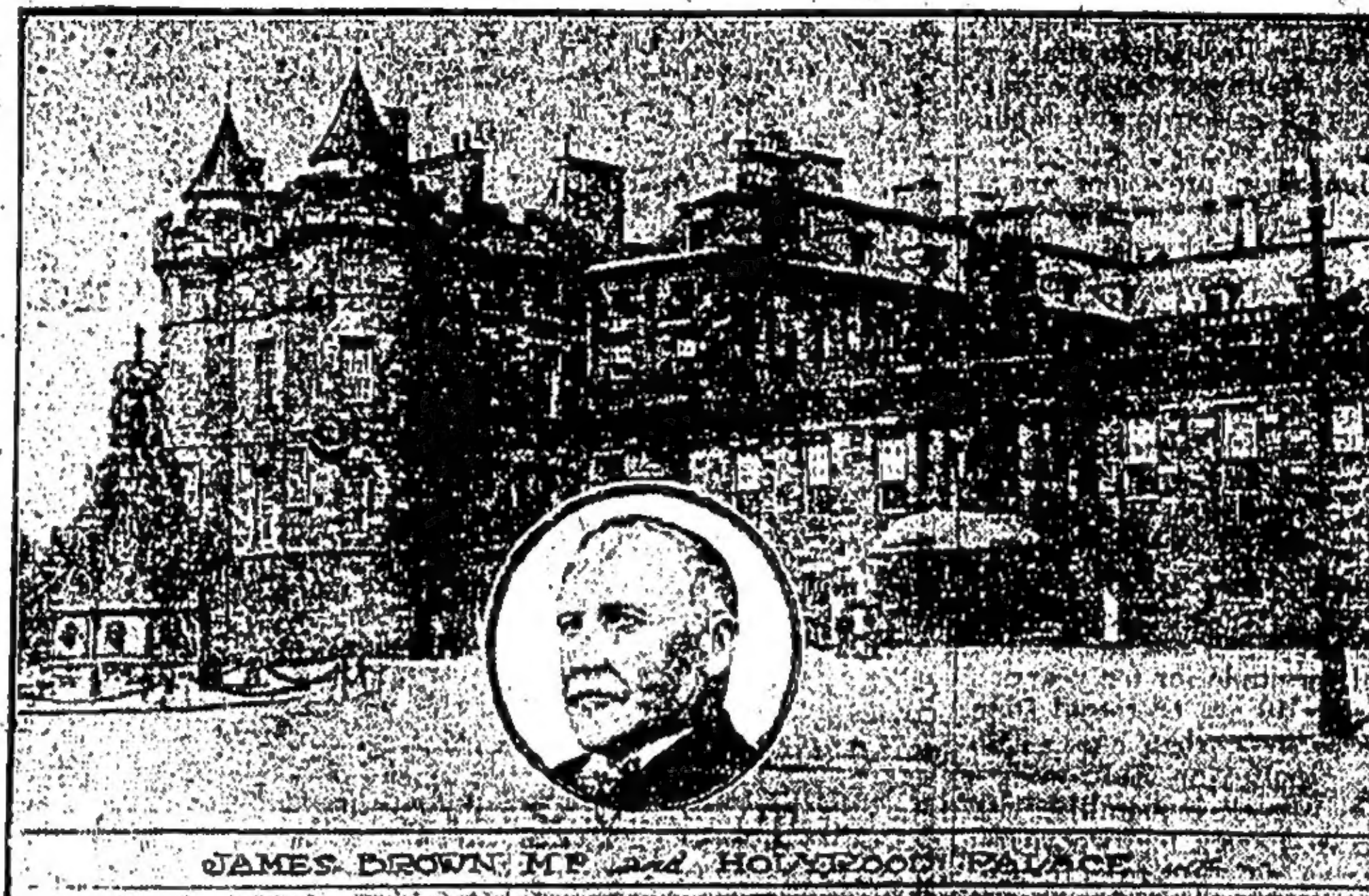
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Senator Samuel M. Ralston, of Indiana, former Governor of that State, who is a possible candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. He is sixty-seven years of age.



Holyrood Palace, in Edinburgh, is the new residence of Mr. James Brown, M.P., newly-appointed Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Mr. Brown started life as a miner and married a mill girl. He became active in Labour politics and was elected to Parliament from South Ayrshire. His new office as Lord High Commissioner is one that for two and a half centuries has been held by members of the highest Scottish nobility.



Mr. John W. Davis, former American Ambassador to Great Britain, will not desert his profession as a lawyer to secure the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. Told that his connection as an attorney for the J. P. Morgan interests injured his chances, Mr. Davis wrote "that the price is too high." He declared he considered it degrading to the profession to desert any honourable client.



Mr. George B. De Long, wealthy New York broker, on a tour of the world, has been murdered, with Robert Louis Coleman, of San Francisco, by Albanian bandits in the mountain district along the Tirana-Scutari highway. The American Minister to Albania already has begun a personal investigation.



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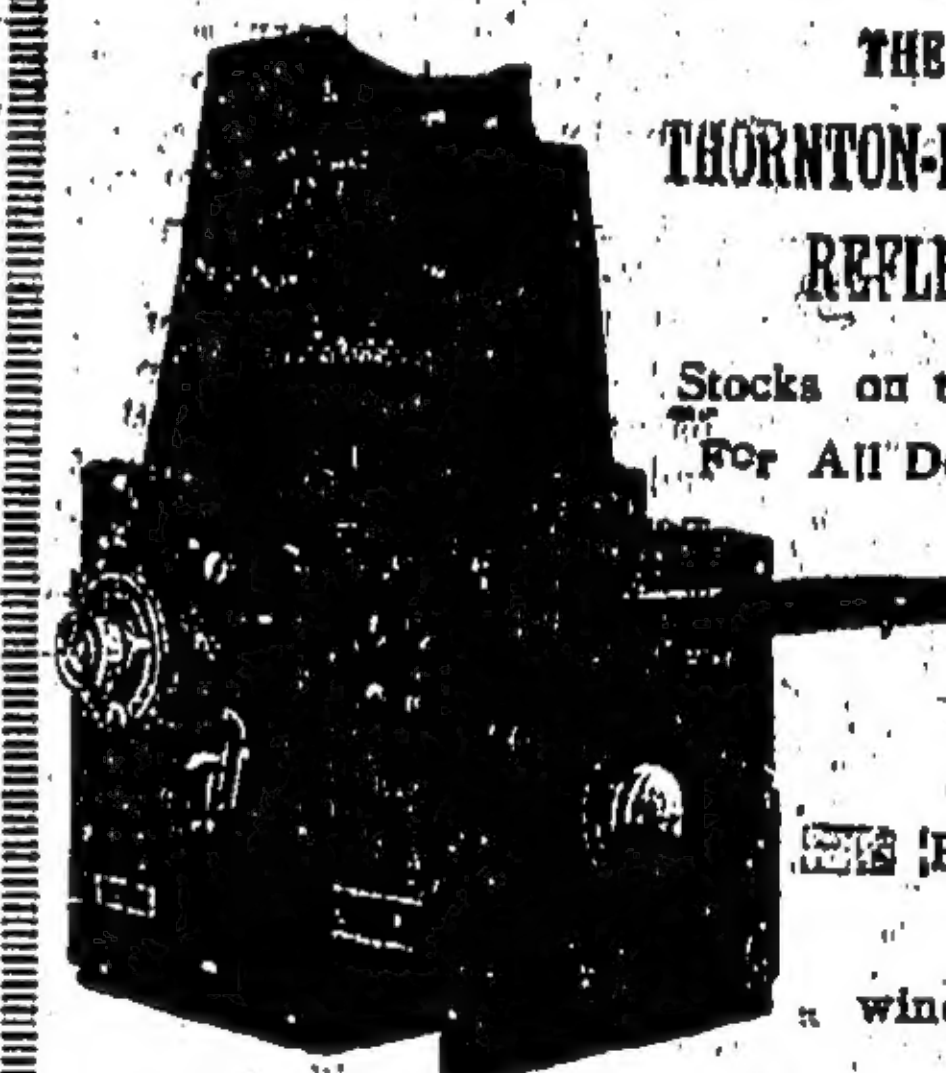
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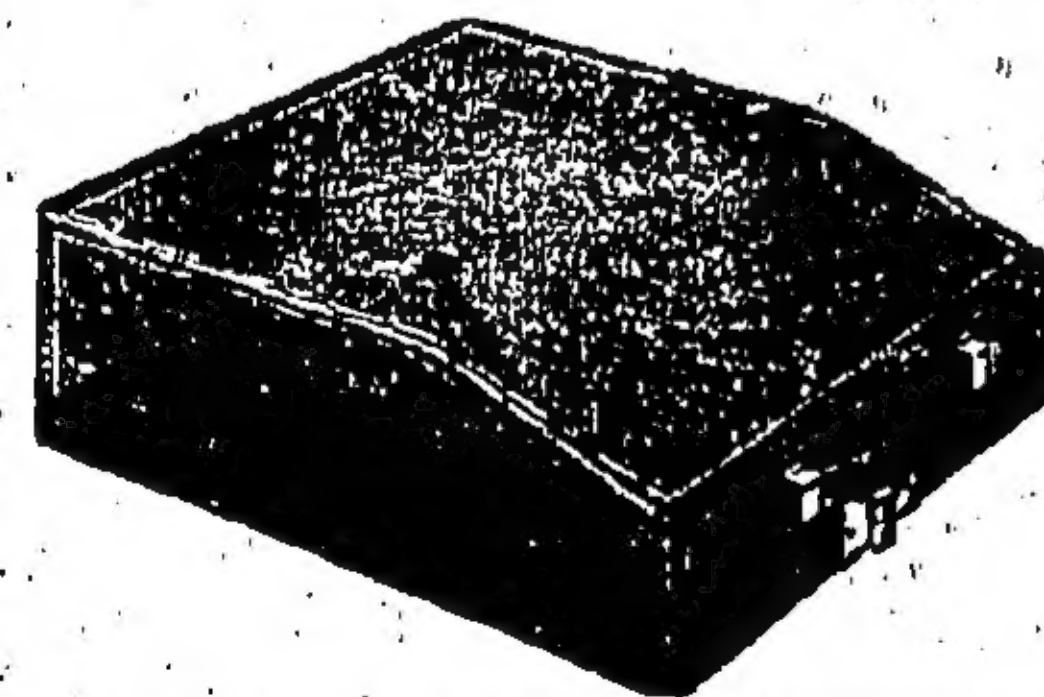
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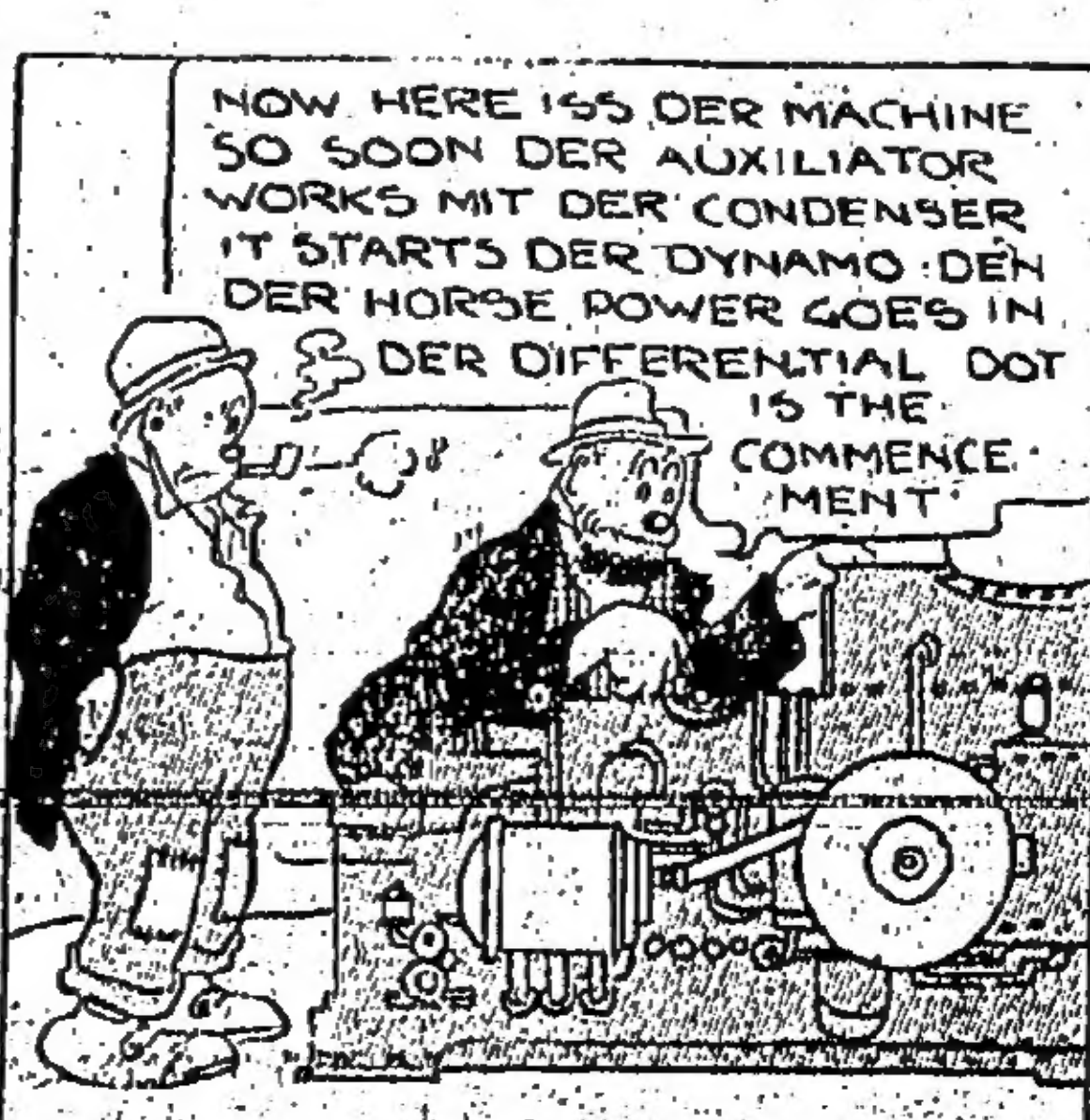
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